



HEATON MOOR GOLF CLUB

August Newsletter

President

Presidents Sunday 2nd September

The sheets are up for President's Sunday the competitions are open to all members with a handicap.

There will be a men's Better Ball Stableford competition over 18 holes in the morning and a Mixed Team competition in the afternoon with a range of prizes including nearest the pin and straightest drive.

In the past I have found these days quite "rushed" particularly for those playing in the morning and afternoon and then attending the meal in the evening. I am therefore going to start the morning competition slightly earlier at 08.45 and depending on entries the afternoon competition will be over at least 14 holes starting at 14.00.

Partners will be drawn for both competitions.

In the morning there will be tea and coffee with "fortification" for those that want it from 08.00 and "bacon barm" after you have played.

There will be a well stocked halfway house available all day with a range of drinks, both alcoholic and non alcoholic, plus snacks and nibbles.

Prize presentations will be made as soon possible after each competition is completed to ensure as many of the winners as possible are there to receive them.

In the evening there will be a three course meal, 19.00 for 19.30, with entertainment provided by two local musicians courtesy of the Royal Northern College of Music. The sheet to reserve a place for the meal is on the Social Notice Board.

I hope you are able to join me and I look forward to seeing many of you on the day.

Tony Brook President HMGC

Men's Captain

Thank you to all who joined me for Captain's Day on July 15th. Sixty four men in the morning and eighteen mixed pairs in the afternoon. We had gorgeous weather and the day was completed by a splendid dinner in the evening. Congratulations to the winners, Ian Collins and Frank Palmer in the morning and to Marcus Quiligotti and Janet Perkins in the afternoon. Thanks especially to Lesley and to the President's wife Sue for running the halfway house.

Captain's Auction 19.00hrs 31st August - Everyone Welcome

Come to the Club on Friday 31st and bid to "buy" the players who have qualified for the Captain's Final in an open auction.

Bid alone or form a syndicate with friends. Prices range from £1 upwards.

There are big prizes to be won if you buy any of the top 4 finishers and prizes can be in the hundreds of pounds if you buy the winner. (All the money bid in the auction is returned as prizes.)

Peter Milner is the auctioneer and it is a fun night out with rival syndicates going head to head to buy their favourites so come along and get involved.

Finally, tremendous congratulations to Tony for winning the Eldridge trophy with two fantastic rounds of golf and also to Jon Beckett for retaining the Ashworth Trophy for the best gross score.

Roy Cooke Captain.

Lady Captain

When I became Lady Captain my charity for the year was Guide Dogs which I felt was a worthy charitable trust. One of our main comps is the Charity Cup and I asked if they could send a local guide dog owner to the event, to talk about their experience. That person turned out to be Stephen Goulden MBE and not forgetting Eaton, his guide dog. Stephen gave us a wonderful insight into his personal story and how Eaton helps him with everyday life. It gave me great pleasure to present him with a cheque for £1,654 which has been collected to-date for Guide Dogs. Thank you to everyone who has support my charity.

On the 24th July I held my Lady Captains Day. It was a wonderful climax to my year in office, not over yet, but I had a great time and plenty of laughs. It was also a day to thank everyone for their support – it exceeded my expectations. I might add it did rain in the afternoon but as I said in my speech nothing ever goes to plan, my year started off rainy – so I couldn't expect anything else!

Jeanette Butterfield Lady Captain

Golf Director

Summer Greens Maintenance.

The ground team will be starting the greens maintenance on Monday 6th August, this will incorporate verti draining, tining and top dressing. We aim to keep disruption to a minimum but understand the nature of this process will affect the playability of the greens for a number of days. Due to the very dry weather of late it has not been possible thus far to apply the amount of top dressing we had planned. We will mitigate this inconvenience with frequent irrigation and will brush in the top dressing both by machine and also with additional hand brushing. This will represent the last major work of the year to the greens and we will benefit greatly for it as we head into latter stages of the season.

Course Policy Document.

A draft version of the Course Policy Document can now be accessed via the app or the website under the heading Club Policies. My thanks go to our President Tony Brook in producing the document with the help

and input from the golf team and head green keeper. This document is a starting point and will sit alongside the course improvement plan that we are now working upon. We would welcome any feedback from the membership regarding its content and are planning an open forum to discuss with members in more detail.

Have you got ID!

A number of members have contacted the golf team regarding issues relating to identification of the correct golf ball whilst playing in competitions. Please can I remind members that Rule 6-5 under rules of golf states:

"The responsibility for playing the proper ball rests with the player. Each player should put an identification mark on his ball."

Short and sweet for a golf rule, but one that can save all playing members a lot of heartache!

Chris Antoniou Golf Director

Clubhouse Director

Front Steps/Patio Area

Jack Hunt and his team are hoping to start the work on redesigning the steps up to the Front Entrance shortly to make them easier to climb. They will also be repointing the Patio Area.

Development are funding this work.

Redecoration

At the July Board Meeting the second stage of the Clubhouse redecoration was approved. This will include the two remaining lounges. We are also relocating the various Officer pictures to the reception area and reframing them in line with the décor in that area.

The historical Captains pictures will be relocated, to the area in the rear lounge adjacent to the Jubilee Putter and OHMS boards, after the decorating work to the area is completed.

We aim to keep disruption to Members to a minimum whilst the work is carried out and details of area closures will be advised in due course.

Internet/Wifi

The Internet/Wifi upgrade was approved at the July Board Meeting. This work will be carried out in early August before the decoration work.

Bar

Takings to the end of June were strong and we are still showing good growth on last year.

The new Wine List was launched on Lady Captain's Day and is available from the Bar.

We are pleased to report strong Member interest in the Bin Ends and the final few remaining bottles are likely to go in the next couple of weeks.

Lines still available are on a list behind the bar so ask any Bar Team Member for it.

Gin of the Month

We are introducing a new feature Gin of the Month.

This will involve a selected Gin served in a large Goblet Glass with extra additions such as Lemon/Lime/Peppercorns and of course ice.

We shall be stocking three Fever Tree Tonics to add to the experience.

Our first selection is Thomas Dakin Manchester Gin. This fantastic Gin has Eleven Botanicals including Juniper and Orange Peel.

Why not treat yourself to a luxurious long cool G & T next time you are down at the Club.

Tobacco

In line with most Golf Clubs we are going to cease selling tobacco products when existing stocks sell out. Turnover is small and profits even smaller and the space released will allow us to improve our Back Bar Offer. Members should ensure they bring their own cigarettes/cigars with them in future.

Catering

The new Menu will be launched over the coming weeks. All the old favourites will be there along with several new Healthy Options. We are awaiting delivery of new Menu Holders and it will be in place after their arrival.

Holiday

Lee will be away from 20 August until 3 September. There will be coverage whilst he is away and normal service will be provided.

Get in touch

Alasdair is away in August and if you wish to raise issues or concerns then please contact Joan Clark via the Office in his absence.

Marketing & Membership

DISCOUNTED GREEN FEES AT OTHER CLUBS We now have a reciprocal arrangement with the following clubs:- Hazel Grove Golf Club Mellor and Townscliffe Golf Club Reddish Vale Golf Club Houldsworth Golf Club Davenport Golf Club Cheadle Golf Club Gatley Golf Club Romiley Golf Club Vale of Llangollen Golf Club Llanymynech Golf Club If you take some form of ID you can now play at member's signed in rates at these clubs.

DEVELOPMENT DRAW Drawn by the Ladies Section : 1st prize £100 ball no 149 J Eaton 2nd prize £50 ball no 124 K Fitzpatrick 3rd prize £25 ball no 81 Carole Wheeler (pulled her own ball out ??) Thank you all for entering. Lots of you are asking what your numbers are. We will put a list up on the Marketing

Board in the corridor for you to check your numbers. Download a copy of the Development Application form to join in <http://www.heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk/development-draw-application-form/> We would like to thank Simon Quiligotti who has very kindly volunteered to take charge of the monthly Development Draw which is a big help to Helen Leggat who manages all the finances related to Development.

FREE ROOM HIRE All 7 & 6 day members will be offered FREE room hire subject to bar spend. As you will appreciate there are only so many Friday/Saturday nights a year so we have to make sure we maximise these as they provide valuable income for the club. If this is successful there is the opportunity to roll it out to more members. Funerals are free. Call in the office to find out more.

FLEXIBLE PAYMENT SCHEME Just to remind everyone that we now have a monthly payment scheme for 7 & 6 day members so you may spread the cost and it's free. Please see the office if you would like to pay your fees this way. Anne-Marie , Helen & Liz

Club Secretary

The Board has now received advice that action can be taken against individuals who persist in walking their dogs away from the paths and allow their dogs to foul on the course.

Heaton Moor Golf Club Bye-Law 4. Course Regulations and Etiquette

"Dogs must not be allowed to run free on the Course, members exercising dogs should keep them on a lead and keep to the public footpaths or driveway."

Your help with this will assist the Club in reducing this issue.

Joan Clark Club Secretary

Social

We are having a rest in August but we start with a BBQ following the end of Captain's Final on Sunday 9 September. All the family and friends are welcome, starting approx 4pm.

Comedy Night is booked for Saturday 15 September. Woolfie has a brilliant line-up for us. Posters are up and there is a list on the board if you want to reserve tickets, or you can buy them directly from the bar at £15 each. Don't miss this!!

The ABBA Tribute Night is on Saturday 13 October, again this is going to be a big hit evening.

The Quiz Nights start on Friday 28 September, followed by 2 and 23 November.

Gents Turkey Supper - Friday 7 December. We have booked Ron Atkinson as the after dinner speaker and Austin Knight comedian.

Geoff Youd

Running Mixed

Our most recent Running Mixed competition took place at the end of June and was won by Dave & Lyndsay Alexander with a great net score of 42. A big thank you to the runners up John & Carole Wheeler who ran the competition on the day on our behalf.

Our next competition is scheduled for Friday 10th August. Please book in on BRS. A food list is up and needs to be ordered in advance please!

A final mini competition will also be held on Friday 7th September.

Remember you can take out as many running mixed cards as you like in between our mini comps! And we have decided to extend the final date by which all cards must be submitted. The final date for submitting cards will now be Sunday 23rd September.

Diane & Kevin